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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Monday, February 4, 2008 11:30am  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Monday, February 4, 2008 11:25am  
Nature of Call: Lost skiers found  
Location of Call: Alpine Meadows  
Case Number:  
Released by: Lieutenant Jeffrey Ausnow

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

With a dramatic improvement in weather, the search for two lost skiers, Christopher Gerwig, 32, and Patrick Frost, 35, from the Alpine Meadows Ski Resort continued this morning.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department and the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue continued to search for the two skiers who were reported missing by friends on Saturday afternoon.

The search included two helicopters, five search teams (totaling 25 search and rescue experts), four snowmobile teams and winter search and rescue volunteers from several surrounding counties.

At 11:25 a.m., the two skiers were located by the Placer County Sheriff's helicopter, Falcon 30, alive and well. The skiers will be flown to Auburn where they will be medically cleared before being driven back to Alpine Meadows to reunite with family.

The skiers skied off of the backside of the Alpine Meadows Ski Resort and became lost. They had walked/skied to the 5 Lakes Creek Drainage which is approximately 7 miles from Alpine Meadows. The clear weather allowed the Sheriff's helicopter to spot the skiers from the air and perform the rescue.